States	Number
8. Karnataka	16220
9. Kerala	14562
10 Madhya Pradesh	39052
11. Maharashtra	21029
12. Manipur	1266
13. Meghalaya	14
14. Nagaland	225
15. Orissa	9511
16. Punjab	9674
17. Rajasthan	12243
18. Sikkim*	
19. Tamilnadu	34596
20. Tripura	383
21. Uttar Pradesh	17455
22. West Bengal	8485
Union Territories	
1. Andaman & Nicobar Islands	140
2. Arunachal Pradesh**	
3. Chandigarh	1756
4. Dadra and Nagar Haveli**	
5. Delhi	23101
6. Goa	1284
7. Lakshadweep	114
8. Mizoram	342
9. Pondicherry	896
ALL INDIA TOTAL :	275777

NOTE 1. *No Employment Exchange is functioning in Sikkim and Arunachal Pradesh.

2 **One Employment Exchange is functioning in this Union Territory, but data are not being received.

*79. [*Transferred to the 6th August, 1985*].

Irregularities in Lucknow T.V. Centre

*80. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether any officers' team was sent from the headquarters at Delhi to Lucknow TV Centre during the last few months to look into any charges of irregularities; and

(b) if so, what is the report and what action has been taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL): (a) Yes, Sir. A senior officer from the Directorate General, Doordarshan was deputed in January, 1985 to make an on-the-spot study of a number of complaints received against the functioning of the DDK, Lucknow.

(b) The informal inquiry revealed that whereas the allegations formally levelled were largely baseless, there was a ground to believe that affairs of the Kendra were being handled rather ineptly. The situation is being rectified suitably.

Violation of Contract Labour Regulation and Abolition) Central Rules, 1971

374. SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently received any representation in regard to the violation of Contract Labour (Regulation and Abolition) Central Rules, 1971 in steel and fertilizer industries; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI T. ANJAIAH): (a) and (b) Complaints have been received from time to time alleging violation of different provisions of Contract Labour (Regulation and Abolition)

Central Rules, 1971 in Steel as well as in Fertilizer Industries. The concerned State Government is the 'Appropriate Government' under the Contract Labour (Regulation and Abolition) Act, 1970 for Fertilizer and Steel Industries. Complaints as and when received have been referred to the respective State Government(s) for appropriate action.

However, in order to have a uniform policy in the Steel Industry under the Contract Labour (Regulation and Abolition) Act, 1970, the Central Government has declared Steel Industry as 'Controlled Industry' vide Notification No. S. 16011/1/83-LW-Vol. II dated 17-6-1985. The Central Government will be the Appropriate Government' for two years in respect of Steel Industry with effect from the date on which the above mentioned Notification is published in the Gazette.

Failure reports on Labour disputes

375. SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state the number of failure reports on labour disputes which have been received by his Ministry during the last three years and their disposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI T. ANJAIAH): During the last three years *viz.*, 1982—84, 6,050. Failure of conciliation Reports were received by the Ministry of Labour. 2,361 disputes were referred to adjudication and in 3,678 cases adjudication was declined. These include Failure of Conciliation Reports carried over from the previous years. Decision on 139 disputes is pending.

Prohibiting employment of contract Labour in magnesite mines

376. SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some managements have challenged the order prohibiting employment of contract labour in magnesite mines;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a representation has been made to Government about amending the prohibitory order by including the individual undertakings as well; and

(c) if so, the decision taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI T. ANJAIAH): (a) On the recommendation of the Contract Labour Central Advisory Board, the Central Government have prohibited employment of contract labour in the following jobs|operations|categories of work vide Notification No. SO 4307 dated 20-11-1984 published on 8-12-1984:—

1. *Chromite Mines*: (1) over-burden excavation and removal; (2) Drilling and Blasting; (3) Raising of Ore; and (4) Transportation of over-burden to dumps and Ore to stocking sites.

2. *Magnesite Mines*: (1) Over-burden removal; (2) Drilling and Blasting; and (3) Raising of Minerals.

3. *Gypsum Mines*: (1) Over-burden removal; and (2) Mining/raising of Mineral.

4. *Mica Mines*: (1) Raising of Mica; (2) Drilling and Blasting; (3) Dewatering of Mines; (4) Muck removal; and (5) Processing of Mica.

Some of the employers of the aforesaid Mines including Magnesite Mines have challenged the said Notification and filed Writ Petitions/Applications in various High Courts. In a few cases the High Courts have passed stay orders against the implementation of the aforesaid Notification. The matter is *sub-judice*.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. As the matter is *sub-judice*, no decision has been taken.